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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 "M" Street, Northwest, Room 222 Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On behalf of the City of Casper, I wish to comment on the proposed Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rule Making 92-235.

If the proposed rules are adopted as written, it will require a full system change-out of all existing City radio equipment. The cost of such an undertaking will be in excess of \$500,000. The City of Casper, as well as many others across the United States can not withstand this costly burden.

As proposed, there is no interoperability between new and old systems or between the new Part 88 VHF 5kHz and the Federal 6.25kHz equipment.

The reduction to 3kHz deviation will result in drastic range reduction of 40% for mobile radio communications and cause pager decoder failure within Natrona County's 5,000 square mile area, which is composed of mountainous terrain.

The effects of the proposed changes are not only monetary, but will drastically effect the efficiency of radio equipment so vital to the lives of Public Safety employees across the country.

I am requesting that consideration be given by the FCC to allow the rules to remain in place as written.

Sincerely,

George H. Parks

George D. Parks

Mayor

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cc: E911 Oversite Committee